

Ladies and gentelman:

I am a subscriber to XM Radio and travel over the highway for a large portion of my job. Having access to a quality radio opportunity is important to me. XM offers quality radio to subscribers who are paying for the benefit of receiving broadcast without the interference of changing stations every 50 miles as we travel. The weather and traffic information is public information and is an important part of the offer XM Radio has.

Very much like the satellite wars with local cable broadcasters in the television industry- the government should allow the free market system to choose who they wish to get information from. The fact that XM utilizes a different technology to deliver their programming should no more impact their ability to broadcast weather, traffic reports, or other programming than if a new radio station moved into town and set up shop.

This country is founded on freedom of choice and we need to allow new technologies to compete in the marketplace. The number of XM radio listeners across the country does not impact the airwave radio broadcasters to such a degree that it would destroy their ability to remain a viable concern. In fact airwave broadcasters rely upon advertisers to continue their service. XM has no advertising- it is member supported, they are not even asking the advertisers the airwave broadcasters to use to support them.

Please do not allow prohibitions upon XM or other satellite radio providers to be enacted and unfairly inhibit them from plying their trade.